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LSSS Examines Typing Exams

By Ruth Zimmerman

Regulations concerning the use of typewriters with memories and computers for writing exams was the main topic of discussion at this week's LSSS meeting. A formal proposal was introduced by Bruce Courtade that would generally follow the current regulations, (i.e., no equipment capable of generating "canned" answers allowed in closed-book exams), but with an additional provision that typewriters would be provided by the law school for those who wish to type but do not own typewriters.

Discussion centered on possible inequities that would result from allowing students to use equipment that not all students can afford. O.V. Matisse, a first year student, expressed the view that computers would not give a significant advantage and that canned memories can easily be blanked out.

A vote on a resolution concerning this

issue will be taken next week.

Paul Thompson, the chair of the Michigan Student Association Federal Relations Subcommittee brought a funding request for LSSS to fund his registration fee of \$90.25 to the U.S. Student Association Lobby Conference. A major aim of the conference is making concerns offstudents known in Wash. D.C. and to lobby the Reagan administration on funding for educational programs. Mr. Thompson feels that it is important for graduate and professional student to be represented at this conference.

A resolution was passed that additional lighting should be installed in the Law Quad, and to call upon the administration to make this one of its highest priorities in 1987.

In other Senate action Monday night, the group released the schedule for the

upcoming LSSS elections. The first official announcement of the elections is slated to appear in the *RG* on February 18, followed a week later by a second announcement in the *RG* giving information about candidate applications.

The applications, available on February 25, will be due on March 18, which is when candidates' statements should appear in the *RG*. Elections are set for March 23, with installation of officers a week later.

Prof: P/F Uncertain

By Steve Hunter

Professor Peter Behrens has remained calm in the face of the adversity over what was considered by many to be a harsh curve in the classes he taught last semester. The *RG* spoke with Professor Peter Behrens Friday regarding the controversy.

Behrens had little to add to the *RG* story, but did say that the pass/fail system is unclear to many people, even some members of the faculty. He also said that "the question arises what standard do you

apply when it comes to pass/fail?"

The german-born professor also expressed concern at the poor grades of some of the students. "Of course I don't like a D, no one likes a D" he said, adding "some of the failures were much better students". He cited that fact as one of the reasons he is offering the make-up exam.

Behrens said that he was not upset by the flyers which someone posted around the law school urging students not to take his class. "You can't embarrass me by flyers."

Cellar Closing Misinterpreted by Local Press

By Brad Lane

University Cellar, the student-run bookstore and Ann Arbor institution since 1969, closed its doors forever last New Year's Eve. Professor Jim Reece, of the Business School and instructor for Law 600, Accounting, was an advisor to the Board of Directors for the U-Cellar and has given the *RG* the real story of the U-Cellar's demise.

Professor Reece believes that the local press incorrectly characterized the actual events that occurred prior to the U-Cellar's closing. Specifically, the *Michigan Daily* and the *Ann Arbor News* did not explain the extent of the debt that the U-Cellar faced. In the half year that he was advising the Board of Directors, Reece saw the loan request almost double from \$400 thousand to \$700 thousand.

More importantly, the *Daily's* characterization of the \$700 thousand loan request during the fall of last year as money to buy books for the winter term was incorrect. This loan was for paying the debt incurred from the *previous term* so that a line of credit for the winter term could be opened with the book distributors. "The U-Cellar was actually a full operating-cycle behind," explained Reece. Apparently a "sharpie" auditor had discovered this accounting arrangement and told her superiors at the U-Cellar's lending institution, Citizen's Trust.

Another myth that Professor Reece wished to dispel regarded the alleged collusion of local banks to close the U-Cellar. (*Ann Arbor News*) He is convinced that this was not the case; Citizen's Trust did not fail the U-Cellar, it



Say goodbye to bargain basement prices

was the U-Cellar's failure. Professor Reece believes that George Cress, President and CEO of Citizen's Trust, took unusual steps to find a solution to the U-Cellar's financial straits, including an attempt to organize a consortium of five banks to risk separate loans of \$140 thousand each. Professor Reece believes that the risks were too high for any financial institution without some guarantee of a more permanent economic entity, "If I were a bank officer, I wouldn't have approved a loan to the U-Cellar either."

As a close observer of the bookstore's operations, Reece noted three reasons for the U-Cellar's closing. One problem was the lack of proper inventory controls; there were simply too many people authorized to invest the store's resources

into inventory and hence the situation resulted in an excessively high inventory for the type of business that the store is in (i.e. a low inventory turnover). This flaw was being corrected at the time that the U-Cellar was negotiating a new bank loan, but the economic impact on the Cellar was "too little, too late."

Another problem facing the U-Cellar was the excessive labor costs that it was incurring. Apparently, the labor union (the International Workers of the World) was in a very good bargaining position as compared to the relatively inexperienced student-directors at the Cellar. This position was made apparent in the above-average wages paid employees as compared to other bookstores in the area.

A final problem, and possibly the most difficult to correct due to the stated purpose

of the U-Cellar, was the composition of the Board of Directors. The Board was composed of people who, in the main, were inexperienced in running a demanding retail enterprise. Also, the students on the board had a limited time to sit on the board, due to graduation, and thus a limited time to learn the intricacies of the business.

Professor Reece cites the greatest achievement of the U-Cellar to be its 5% discount policy. The U-Cellar was born after a student sit-in was held at the Michigan Union protesting high book costs. It instituted a 5% discount on textbooks, which was eventually met by its competitors after the U-Cellar had obtained a significant portion of the market. Professor Reece believes that this discount policy will continue even with the presence of only two competitors in the market.

On the other side of the coin, the discounting policy may have led to the increasing indebtedness. Professor Reece stated that, in the retail book business, the margin—retail cost minus cost to the U-Cellar—is normally 20% of the price of a book. However, a 5% discount off of the book price effectively cuts this margin by 25%, which in most cases is the difference between turning a profit in the book-selling business, once all other expenses are included, and losing money. Thus, the U-Cellar was breaking even on textbook sales and making a profit from the insignia/paraphernalia department. Such a condition, along with the three other problems outlined above, made the task of maintaining the U-Cellar as an on-going concern virtually impossible.

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Wailing and Waiting

WITH FINAL EXAMS but a bitter memory, we are now in the midst of what can only be described as transcript limbo. You know, the period of time between taking your last final exam and getting your last semester grade. Usually, this gap in time exists for about two months, from the middle of December to the middle of February for Fall Term grades, and from May to July for Winter Term grades. Last year, the Winter Term grades meandered through the system for an additional week or two as the law school tried to cope with rapid and unexpected changes in personnel in the records office.

Although the length of this transcript hiatus can be reckoned in weeks or months, for some law students the time can be measured in hours spent searching the lists posted on the grade board, futilely checking for the results of a final exam which, in all probability, the professor has not spent as much time grading as the students have spent awaiting.

The problem of late grades is exacerbated by the plethora of visiting professors who teach for one semester and then leave town. Precious few of them finish grading their exams before their departure, and then tend to be the last ones to turn in their final grade lists. Add to this fact the difficulty of asking a visitor about a particular grade when he or she is in Durham, Berkeley, or West Germany, and one can readily see a persuasive reason not to take classes taught by visiting profs—unless, as is often the case, a visitor is the only person teaching the class that you need to take.

We would like to see all professors, both permanent and visiting, to spend more time at the end of each semester in grading exams and papers, so that students spend less time in front of the "Wailing Wall."

Golden Oldies

WE ALWAYS RUN a column complaining about professors reusing old exam questions, and we never seem to have cause to stop complaining about this practice. Perhaps instead of bitching about these traditional exam questions, we should recognize those professors who, while reusing some of their old favorites, do so in a new, innovative manner.

To recognize the prof whose best exam questions seem to "hang around" for generations, we award the first semi-annual S. Jerome Bronson Memorial Trophy. This semester's honoree is Doug Kahn. Nothing was truly remarkable about reusing several Tax I exam questions from the previous year, except for the fact that, while the exam remained the same, the tax code didn't. Just goes to show that Congress was kidding us about tax reform—the law obviously hasn't changed much at all.

Forum

Data Disclosure Mends Egos

To the Editor:

The RG's release of admissions statistics during the Fall term caused a stir among the students as to the effect of disclosure on attitudes toward minority students. While that was a worthy debate, other ramifications of the disclosure were ignored. I was surprised at how low our collective grades/LSAT scores were regardless of who or what constituted the low end of the scale. From this perspective two possible effects immediately come to mind.

One potential ramification of the RG's publication could be to lower the school's reputation as one of the top law schools in the country as its entrants (on average) do not rival those of Michigan's closest competitors. Several factors lead me to conclude that this is not a particularly grave risk. Most importantly, a school's reputation does not, and should not, totally depend on statistics that are such a questionable measure of the collective talents and potential of a student body. The performance of our graduates in the real world is much more determinative than grades and LSAT scores. On a practical level, the RG (deserving as it is) does not get the level of national exposure that the *National Enquirer* (or even the *New York Times*) does, and thus ought not reach a large

enough audience to devastate our favorable reputation.

A favorable outgrowth of the disclosure was to mend many egos that have been severely battered by law school. The atmosphere created by professors and students alike is one of intense competition and humiliation seemingly designed to make us feel like inferior souls before becoming tomorrow's leaders. Many of us have been initiated into this atmosphere in an inappropriate way by Dean of Admissions Stillwagon. Horror stories abound amongst those I have spoken to about their admissions experience as to how Dean Stillwagon has abused his position of power over U of M Law hopefuls. I am one such victim who has worn a psychological badge of inferiority until the RG made me aware that my "critical numbers" are slightly above average. Despite comparing favorably to my incoming peers, Dean Stillwagon tried to strong arm me into the summer program by commenting that my LSAT score was "just (fill in the blank)." He has used U of M's policy of keeping admissions information confidential to terrorize me and others in order to serve his own ends. The RG's disclosure can only serve to curb such excesses.

Name Withheld Upon Request

LGLS Board Needs Protection

To the Editor:

I must confess that I have only recently become aware of the extreme hardships that lesbian and gay law school students must face if they choose to try to live normal lives here at Michigan. What finally opened my eyes to their plight was the repeated attacks on the LGLS's bulletin board in the basement of Hutchins. To me, scribbling AIDS all over the board goes far beyond the common FUCK—YOU we all see in the bathrooms around the campus. For one thing, the bulletin boards have a far more special and personal significance to the groups that use them than do the walls in a bathroom to their users. LGLS members have been given a forum to communicate both to their members and to the law school student population in general, yet this forum is effectively being taken away from them. Also, I think that scribbling AIDS is far more vicious than the ordinary GO TO HELL. Many of these members are living a nightmare right now with the disease, losing friends and loved-ones to it every month, as well as having to live through the fear and anxiety of being struck with it themselves, anyway. Yet, what has the law school done to protect this group? As far as I can tell, NOTHING. I think this is an outrage and calls for immediate and drastic action.

I am sure that LGLS has many suggestions to remedy the situation, so I will name just three to suggest what I mean by "drastic." We could move the library guard out to the front door to keep out all undergrads from the law school. This is assuming

that no law school student could possibly be involved in such behavior after taking Constitutional Law. If this assumption proves false, we could prohibit all law school students from using the library and just let the undergrads take over. This is assuming that it's a waste of time to go to law school if our society cannot provide what our constitution guarantees: freedom of speech. Finally, we could take the law into our own hands and form commando squads to patrol the area and terminate the bad guys on the spot ("I'll be back," and all that stuff).

I find this situation similar to the one in Forsyth, Georgia, where a group of black Americans are being denied their right to peacefully and safely walk down a city street. Should the government just throw up its hands and say, "Well, it's just too expensive to provide adequate police protection (i.e. 300 policemen in full riot gear was not enough last weekend to protect a handful of marchers!), so you all will just have to call off your march and forget about your constitutional rights this weekend. Why don't you all just go home and ignore all those good ol' white supremacy boys?" I think the situation is the same; the LGLS's right to use their bulletin board must be protected no matter what the cost. We cannot allow a couple of individuals to silence members of our own community, unless we want to admit that we are no more progressive than Forsyth.

Jonathan Welch
Class of '88

Heavy Metal Hits Law School

By Jocko Knappman

A headbanger at U-M Law School. Heavy Metal Law is what this boy majors in.

Maybe you don't understand exactly what Heavy Metal Law is. Well, I'll make it easy for you. Let's break it down into its parts:

The Law part you probably already know (although first-years might not know they know until grades are posted). Just rely on your gut feelings if you really aren't sure what Law is.

Heavy Metal is the kind of music people think about when they complain about rock music. It's loud, repetetive, unimaginative, mindless, sexist, violent,

obscene, and disgusting—in short, everything I stand for. It's KISS, WASP, Motley Crue, and Ratt. Those are the bands you've probably heard of before. Well, allow me to introduce you to Kick Axe, Thor, Queensryche, King Kobra, and (my personal favorite) Adam Bomb.

But Heavy Metal Law is more than listening to KISS singing "Love Gun" (although that is an essential part of it). It embraces an entire lifestyle, wherein Heavy Metal concepts are applied to the typical situations we all have to deal with every day. Heavy Metal Law is a way of life. Maybe a few examples would make it more clear.

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Headbanger

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Problem: You're in Contracts and, for whatever reason, you didn't do the assigned reading. You worry that you might be called on.

Typical Law School Student (TLSS) Solution: Hope you don't get called on.

Heavy Metal Law (HML) Solution: Raise your hand and start talking about the case. You'll be wrong, but you'll go down fighting. (I've used this ploy numerous times.)

Problem: It's 1 a.m. You're tired and want to go to sleep, but haven't done the assigned reading for tomorrow yet.

TLSS: Another all-nighter with Torts.

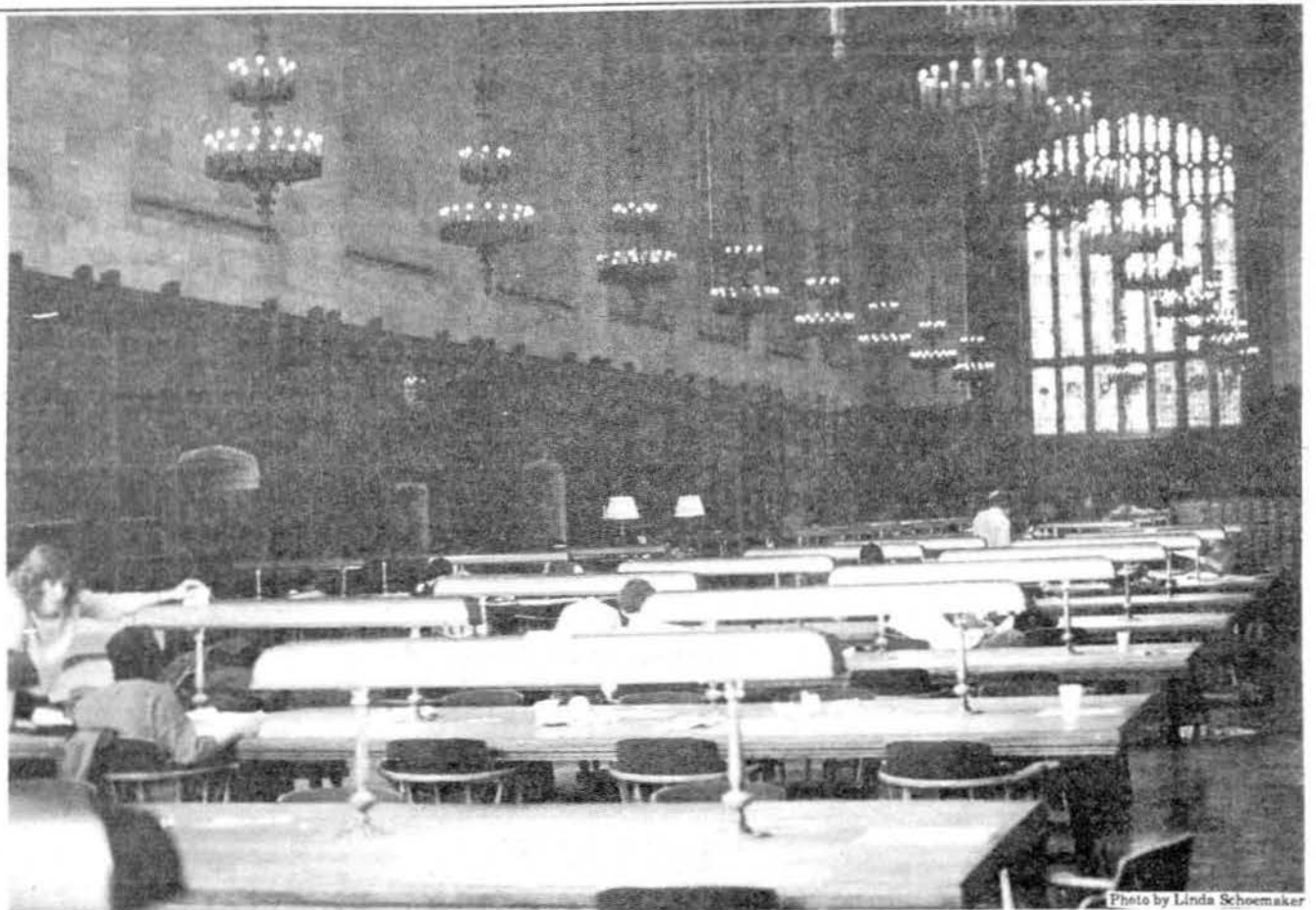
HML: Go to the bar and deal women. If you're gonna lose sleep, at least make it worthwhile.

Problem: Exams. You want to do well. (Yes, Heavy Metal Law means doing all of this and still getting good grades.)

TLSS: Enter Nerd Mode. Prepare an outline (100+ pages preferred). Go over your notes ad nauseum. Get together with your study group.

HML: Buy an outline. Read it. Starting at 6 p.m. the night before, go completely intense for nine hours, except for 11 p.m. when you watch "WKRP in Cincinnati." Put on jeans and a ripped t-shirt next morning. Have a beer. Take test.

Okay, you've got the idea. By the way, WASP and Slayer are at Harpo's (*the Heavy Metal bar in Detroit*) this Friday. Just thought you might want to know.



Brian Baysinger Slept Here

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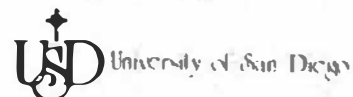
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World
Series
Shocker!

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remain in the league for one more season, a mixed blessing indeed.

The **World Series** will pit the Angels (sorry Cleveland fans, it's your year for bitter disappointment) against the Astros, with Houston winning baseball's first ever indoor title. Reagan will call up the winner's locker room and end up selling TOW missiles to Yogi Berra. You heard it here first, folks.

Notices

Clothing—there are many orders of law school clothing which are now complete, or were never picked up. Members of the Social Committee will be in the Law School Student Senate Office, 217 Hutchins, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, January 28. Please come by during that time.

Law School Romance—Is there a special someone, roommate, professor, or friend in the law school who you would like to remember on Valentine's Day? Wondering how to let them know you care? Look no further. On February 2, 5, and 6 the Black Law Student Alliance will be taking orders for Valentine helium balloons. The sales will take place outside of room 100 in Hutchins Hall, and between the hours of 12:00—1:00 and 5:30—6:30 in the Lawyers Club lobby. The balloons are only \$2.50 apiece and will be delivered on Friday, February 13th.

Speaker—Professor Walter Berns of Georgetown University and the American Enterprise Institute will give a talk on "Taking Rights Seriously," Thursday, February 5, at 4:00 p.m. in room 120. Sponsored by the Federalist Society.

Lawyers Club Residents Two housing forums will take place in the Lawyers Club. The forums will be an opportunity for residents to offer service suggestions and comments. Preliminary rate proposals for 1987-88 will be available.

The forums will be held in the Faculty Dining Room and will be open-house style. Scheduled times are:

Thurs. Jan. 29, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 30, 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Student Funded Fellowships-SFF is looking for a few good board members. This is a great chance both to support and learn more about public interest law. Positions for three first year students and one second year student, with a commitment to remain a board member during their time at law school. If interested, call Michelle Bryan at 668-0468 or put a note in her pendafile to set up an interview appointment.

Social Committee—There will be a Social Committee meeting tonight (Wednesday, January 28) at 7:00 p.m. in the Lawyers Club Lounge to discuss a "Bar Review."

The Social Committee has set a tentative schedule for events during the Winter Term:

—Tropics Party: the traditional favorite, on February 21.

—60's Party with the Business School, March 20.

—Law Revue, April 10 (start getting those creative juices flowing—we'll be asking for your ideas in mid-March).

—possible ice-skating party or bar review.

—last day of classes cocktail party, May 1.

—"senior" party following the last exams, May 15.

—another clothing sale, this one will be a bulk sale on a first-come, first-served basis. No orders will be taken (and no incomplete orders will occur!)

As always, we appreciate and encourage any input or assistance—please contact any of the committee chairs, Diane Dygert, Todd Frank, Dave Lullo, or Carol Shuman with your ideas. New members are very welcome.

Feature

One Strike Down, Rozen Slugs-Out Baseball Picks

By Reid Rozen

It's January again, and that salient fact can mean only one thing—time for my annual fearless baseball forecast.

Last year, I must confess, I did a mediocre job. Oh sure, I picked the Mets to win the National League pennant, but then so could a majority of all sentient beings in this great universe of ours. Don't gloat over the easy ones—that's my motto.

And that's why I pick the major league final standings eight months in advance. What's the challenge in picking the winners in March, with the benefit of spring training reports and completed rosters? With free agents such as Tim Lincecum, Lance Parrish, Ron Guidry and others still unsigned as of press time, the prognostication biz is tougher than ever. But the rewards for guessing correctly will be so much greater. Play ball!

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST: Predicted order of finish—First: Philadelphia. Second: New York. Third: Montreal. Fourth: St. Louis. Fifth: Chicago. Sixth: Pittsburgh.

Ask me why I'm picking the Phillies to finish at the top of this division and I'll be brutally honest—I was really impressed with their late season surge last year. If the season lasted only two months—August and September—the Phils might have been contenders. They need to pick up their hitting, their pitching, and Lance Parrish. Oh, and get rid of Steve Jeltz too.

I know in my heart that there are three reasons why the Mets won't repeat as divisional champs this year: 1) successful teams automatically become complacent, lazy, and arrogant; 2) there are too many players on the team who make a habit out of snorting cocaine and beating up police officers; and 3) I hate the Mets, and the angry God of the Old Testament, whose face none may see but whose feet shine like polished brass, will smite them with a big whammy. Well, I could be wrong about the last part.

Why will the Expos overtake the Cardinals for third place this year? Because the boys from La Belle Province actually know what an extra-base hit looks like. St. Louis fans were hoping that Roger Maris's single-season home run

mark could be broken this year, but the Cards as a team fell three taters short. Willie McGee led the parade of mediocrity last year, seeing his batting average plunge around 80 points from the 1985 campaign, while remaining the ugliest man in professional sports.

One thing that might hurt the Expos this year (notice how I shifted focus effortlessly back to the Expos) is that Andre Dawson wants to play for the Cubs. And the Cubs, who need nothing more than an aged, gimpy veteran outfielder to complement Ron Cey, their aged, gimpy infielder, and Manny Trillo, their aged, gimpy utility man, will probably sign him. The Pirates will probably put more men on their roster than spectators in the stands. Again.

NATIONAL LEAGUE WEST: Predicted order of finish—First: Houston. Second: Los Angeles. Third: Cincinnati. Fourth: San Francisco. Fifth: San Diego. Sixth: Atlanta.

Who was the most dominating pitcher in the National League this year? My hunch is that it will be the most dominating pitcher of last year, Mike Scott of the Astros. Scott labors half the season in a pitcher's paradise, has yet to be caught scuffing the ball, and will not have to visit his probation officer every other month, like half of the Mets pitching staff will be doing this season. And if Glenn Davis can hit 31 home runs while wearing an Astros uniform, he gets my vote as player of the decade.

I predicted the Dodgers to win the division last year. What happened? They finished in fifth place, 23 games back. The reason? Pedro Guerrero got injured, and the Dodgers got lazy. This season they should be as hungry as Tommy Lasorda at meal time.

When National League teams want to play an old-timers game, they schedule the Cincinnati Reds. The Giants, therefore, might be able to pass by the aging Reds, if they can maintain the level of pitching they established last season. But can Mike Krukow win 20 games ever again? Did he win that many last year? Wasn't that his evil twin brother out there on the mound???

The Padres, in the span of three years, have completely self-destructed.

They will be fighting the Braves for a shot at last place, a spot which is really Atlanta's birthright. Want to know why league owners are reluctant to sign free agents? He's on the Braves' roster. Bruce Sutter was paid close to two million dollars last year to sit on the bench, with his right arm attached to his body by a single tendon, waiting to pitch in a rare situation when the Braves were winning in the ninth inning, only to lose the game with grim predictability. Get a hair cut, Bruce.

AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST: Predicted order of finish—First: Cleveland. Second: New York. Third: Toronto. Fourth: Baltimore. Fifth: Detroit. Sixth: Boston. Seventh: Milwaukee.

Yes. That's right. The Indians will win the divisional title this year. And not because Cleveland is the only team in the last six years that hasn't won the AL East crown. The Indians led the majors in hitting last year, by a comfortable margin. Four regulars hit over .300, and four others hit over .270. They could use more power in their line-up, but of course the biggest concern for the Tribe is their mound corps. If the pitching doesn't improve, it's back to fifth place for Cleveland.

The Yankees have finished in second place the last two years—they'll make it three in a row in 1987. With all eyes glued on the cross-town Mets and the batting heroics of Don Mattingly, nobody seemed to notice that Dave Righetti set the major league record for saves. But if Guidry goes elsewhere, the pitching staff will look like a wasteland, even with Righetti.

Toronto got off to a horrible start last year and never really came back. Maybe this is the year that Dave Stieb proves that you can return from a two-year long slump, or maybe he'll just get seagull poop dumped on his head. The Orioles need pitching help: if they don't get some, they're hitting can't carry this team farther than sixth. It's tough to get those Weaver-esque three-run homers if you can't put two men on base.

I'm predicting Detroit for fifth place because there are a lot of people who would get even madder at me if I picked them for sixth. Boston has Wade Boggs, Jim Rice, Roger Clemens, and who else? Marty

Barrett? Did these guys really win the pennant last year? Milwaukee, meanwhile, has Teddy Higuera, a freshman phenom who will make everyone in Brewtown forget Mike Caldwell. Maybe.

AMERICAN LEAGUE WEST: Predicted order of finish—First: California. Second: Kansas City. Third: Texas. Fourth (tie): Oakland, Chicago, Minnesota. Seventh: Seattle.

Really, nobody should win this division. Maybe the American League could arrange it so that the league championship series would be played between the first and second place teams in the eastern division, and the western division champs could play the NCAA college all-stars or the Soviets or somebody.

As long as somebody has to win, it might as well be Gene Mauch and the California Angels. Mauch has made a career out of losing the big games, and what better exemplifies the spirit of the American League "Worst?"

Kansas City should get more hitting from its regulars this year. Like the Angels, it's been an off-season of addition by subtraction for the Royals: the Angels got rid of Reggie Jackson and got better, and the Royals did likewise by saying bye-bye to Steve Balboni.

There were some thoughts back in July, rash as they might have been, about a possible all-Texas World Series. The Rangers, however, don't have the pitching or the fielding to make it to the top. Pete Incaviglia is tomorrow's Dave Kingman—a legend in the making.

Three teams will end the season tied for fourth, one game ahead of cellar dweller Seattle. Minnesota has the phenomenal Kirby Puckett, and the earth-bound Bert Blyleven, a straight-ball pitcher who can make the Metrodome look even smaller than it actually is. The A's have Jose Canseco, Joaquin Andujar, Reggie Jackson, and Vida Blue. Jackson and Blue? Bring back Mudcat Grant! The best news out of the South Side is that the White Sox will finally be ditching their uniforms, the ugliest in the majors. Made the players look like they were wearing cereal boxes. Seattle will be allowed to

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Law in the Raw

BY DOUG GRAHAM AND TIM THOMPSON

CRIME STORY

A man walked into a bank in Orlando, Florida last week and handed the teller a card reading "Give me all your money or else I'll shoot you. Bang!" The teller handed over some cash and the robber fled. Despite the quick getaway, the man was arrested minutes later at a bus station. What tipped the cops off? Maybe it was that the hold-up message was written on the back of the robber's probation-parole card. A local police investigator offered incisive commentary concerning the suspect: "He wasn't real sharp."

New York Times, Jan. 25, 1987

YOU BE THE JUDGE

"The brief thoroughly fails to communicate [his] arguments. . . . The brief is extremely difficult to follow. . . . The reader cannot discern the gist of an argument until after completing the entire section of the brief devoted to the argument, if then." A Senior Judge's comment on a first-year's writing assignment? Nope. This is a report on Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Daniel Manion, sworn in this summer. Don't despair first years, you can always be a judge.

The Reader, Dec. 19, 1986

ALUMNI NEWS

A word of caution if you round up your G.P.A. --Don't interview at Kirkland & Ellis in Chicago. 1982 Michigan Law Grad Thomas R. Potter was recently disbarred for claiming he had finished second in his class and graduated Summa Cum Laude (Latin, for "awesome grades", we think) when he hadn't. The truth of his transcript was discovered by K & E when Potter, then a Sidley & Austin associate, applied for a lateral hire.

Student Lawyer, Jan. 1987